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Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-204B Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Certification of Rural Indiana Carriers Pursuant to § 254(e) and the FCC's Order in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Flannery and Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's May 23, 2001 Order<sup>1</sup> (the "RTF Order"), this letter is intended to communicate to you the names of those rural Indiana carriers that have been certified by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") to receive federal high-cost loop support for calendar year 2003.

In an IURC Order issued on August 22, 2001 in Cause Nos. 42067/40785, the IURC prescribed forms to be completed and procedures to be followed by rural carriers seeking IURC certification. Based upon completed applications that have been received this year, the IURC issued an Order on September 11, 2002 in Cause No. 42067 identifying 39 rural Indiana carriers that have satisfied the certification criteria established by the IURC's August 22, 2001 Order.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FCC's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, dated May 23, 2001.

Based on the IURC's September 11, 2002 Order, and on behalf of the IURC, I now certify to the FCC and USAC that all entities listed in Attachment A to this letter will be using federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act.

If you require further assistance, please call me at (317) 232-2716.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Manley

Secretary to the Commission

Encl: Attachment A: List of certified rural carriers

IURC Order in Cause No. 42067, dated September 11, 2002.

cc: All certified rural Indiana carriers

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